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LETTER DATED 6 JULY 1992 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you that United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi airspace for the purpose of surveillance and provocation during the period from 23 June to 1 July 1992, as follows. I also wish to state that the period of these violations witnessed an increase in the burning of agricultural crops in Ninawa governorate by these aircraft.

23 June 1992

At 1230 hours, United States aircraft dropped flares on a farm in Muhallabiyah subdistrict (Ninawa governorate), and as a result a quantity of the wheat stubble was set on fire.

24-25 June 1992

Twelve sorties flown by six two-aircraft formations at speeds of 700-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-6,500 m, centred on Zakho, Amadiyah, Mosul, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Sinjar.

25 June 1992

At 1530 hours, United States aircraft flew low over the farmland of the village of Kani Harami, Nimrud subdistrict, Ninawa governorate and dropped flares, setting on fire 50 dunums of wheat and barley crops.

26-27 June 1992

Twenty-four sorties flown by 12 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 3,000-9,000 m, centred on Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Tall Afar, Irbil, Dukan and Amadiyah. United States aircraft flew low over a farm in Nimrud subdistrict, Ninawa governorate, after which a fire broke out and destroyed 24 dunums of the wheat crop.

27-28 June 1992

Twenty-three sorties flown by 10 two-aircraft formations and one three-aircraft formation at speeds of 700-900 km/h and at an altitude of 7,000 m, centred on Amadiyah, Tall Afar, Mosul, Irbil and Dohuk.

28-29 June 1992

Twenty-eight sorties flown by 14 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 2,500-7,500 m, centred on Zakho, Amadiyah, Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil and Dukan.

29-30 June 1992

Twenty sorties flown by 10 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 3,000-5,500 m, centred on Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

30 June-1 July 1992

Twenty sorties flown by 10 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 700-900 km/h and at altitudes of 6,000-7,500 m, centred on Zakho, Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

1-2 July 1992

Twenty-six sorties flown by 12 two-aircraft formations and two single aircraft at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at altitudes of 5,000-6,000 m, centred on Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Ayn Zalah, Mosul and Irbil.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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